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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JUNELL ET AL.

Examiner

Anh V. La

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Quigley.

Regarding claim 1, Quigley discloses a method for responding to an environmental event comprising monitoring one or more event detectors 14, 16-18, 20-25; triggering an alarm 70, 72, automatically notifying a monitoring service 12, verifying the existence of the environmental event, requesting service 28 from a pre-approved vendor, the vendor being qualified to address the environmental event, and verifying that the pre-approved vendor has addressed the environmental event (column 1, line 45- col. 2, lines 52).

Regarding claim 2, Quigley discloses continuously monitoring one or more event detectors 14, 16-25.

Regarding claim 3, Quigley discloses a fire alarm monitoring service 14.

Regarding claim 4, Quigley discloses a burglar alarm service 16.

Regarding claim 5, Quigley discloses a central location 12.

Regarding claim 6, Quigley discloses a communication network (fig. 1).

Regarding claim 7, Quigley discloses a database 28.

Regarding claim 8, Quigley discloses requesting that the vendor repair damage caused by the environmental event and verifying that the vendor has repaired the damage (col. 1, line 45- col. 2, line 52).

Regarding claim 9, Quigley discloses a system for responding to an environmental event comprising an event detector 14, 16-18, 20-25, monitoring system 60, an alarm 70, 72 (fig. 4), a dispatch system 10, 12, a database containing pre-approved vendors that is qualified to address the environmental event (col. 4, lines 40-65).

Regarding claim 10, Quigley discloses the dispatch system initiating selection of a pre-approved vendor (col. 4, lines 40-65).

Regarding claim 11, Quigley discloses data related to the event and the database selecting a pre-approved vendor according to the data (col. 4, lines 40-65).

Regarding claim 12, Quigley discloses continuously monitoring one or more event detectors 14, 16-25.

Regarding claim 13, Quigley discloses a fire alarm monitoring system 14.

Regarding claim 14, Quigley discloses a burglar alarm system 16.

Regarding claim 15, Quigley discloses a communication network (fig. 1).

Regarding claim 16, Quigley discloses the dispatch system automatically selecting a pre-approved vendor from the database (col. 4, lines 40-65).

Regarding claim 17, Quigley discloses a method for responding to an environmental event comprising receiving a notification of the event from an authorized source 14, 16, 18, 20-25, identifying the event, selecting a pre-approved vendor that is

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qualified to address the event (col. 4, lines 40-65), requesting service from the vendor, and verifying that the vendor has addressed the event (col. 1, lines 45-52).

Regarding claim 18, Quigley discloses verifying the identity of the authorized source (fig. 4).

Regarding claim 19, Quigley discloses receiving a notification through a global communication network (fig. 4).

Regarding claim 20, Quigley discloses automatically selecting the vendor from a database containing one or more pre-approved vendors (col. 4, lines 40-65).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hess, Saitou, Briton, and Escolar disclose alarm systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh V. La whose telephone number is (571) 272-2970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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